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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 637
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate Schaack Van Deusen of Baylor School for being recognized by *Wrestling U.S.A. Magazine* as the 2001 National Assistant Coach of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those athletes and coaches who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Schaack Van Deusen of Baylor School; in the May 30, 2001, issue of *Wrestling U.S.A. Magazine*, he was honored as National Assistant Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Van Deusen's accomplished wrestling career began during his high school years, when he wrestled under the legendary Luke Worsham at Baylor and was a Mid-South Finalist; quite active during his six years at the school, he also wrote for the school newspaper and played varsity football, baseball, and tennis; and

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WHEREAS, after studying for two years at Virginia, this native of Lookout Mountain transferred home to the University of Chattanooga, where he completed his bachelor's degree and began a lifelong love of theatre; believing deeply in the immense value of education, he later earned a Master of Arts and is in the process of completing his Ph.D. coursework at the University of Tennessee. He has studied Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, and attended a directing institute at Yale; and

WHEREAS, after finishing his undergraduate studies, Schaack Van Deusen taught English at Notre Dame High School; while there, he embarked upon a coaching career that would be unsurpassed in Tennessee high school wrestling history; and

WHEREAS, during Coach Van Deusen's only season as a head coach, he led Notre Dame to a 1970 State Championship; and

WHEREAS, after pursuing graduate study in Knoxville, Schaack Van Deusen returned to his beloved alma mater; in the years that have followed, he has led Baylor's wrestling program to astounding success; and

WHEREAS, remarkably, Coach Van Deusen has coached his teams to Tennessee State Championships in five decades, winning them in 1968, 1970, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1999, and 2001; his teams have also been state runner-up five times, finished third five times, and been runner-up five times in the dual meet championship; and

WHEREAS, entering his 30th season, Coach Van Deusen's wrestlers have compiled an impressive overall record of 430-116-5; he has coached 48 individual state champions and 140 state place winners; and

WHEREAS, the 2001 season was one of the highlights of Coach Van Deusen's career, as his wrestlers compiled a 27-0 dual meet record and were Champions of both the State Duel Meet and the State Individual Tournaments; and

WHEREAS, raw statistics, however impressive they may be, cannot come close to measuring his value as a coach; according to Baylor Head Coach Jim Morgan, Schaack Van

Deusen possesses an unequalled talent for scouting and preparation, is an exceptional motivator, and teaches the sport as few men can; and

WHEREAS, Jim Morgan has a unique understanding of Coach Van Deusen's gifts; as Coach Morgan said, "It is strange that someone would think of Schaack as an assistant coach, because we have worked so closely for the past fifteen years"; and

WHEREAS, Schaack Van Deusen's talents extend far beyond the wrestling mat; a noted Shakespearean scholar, he is Chairman of Baylor's renowned Fine Arts department and co-founded and directed a Chattanooga theatre company; and

WHEREAS, also having formerly taught English in addition to Drama, Schaack Van Deusen has made an immeasurable impact of the lives of countless young athletes, thespians, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, he received the Conrow Miller Award, which is given to the faculty member who contributed most richly to the tenth year reunion class's Baylor experience; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty years, Schaack Van Deusen has carried out his duties with the utmost acumen, alacrity, diligence, and character and with an inspirational flair unique only to him; he has earned the respect and admiration of his students and peers at Baylor and throughout this State; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, he is committed to maintaining the highest ideals of family and community values and is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Beth; and

WHEREAS, this devoted family man is the proud father of one daughter, Sarah Hamilton, and he and his wife are eagerly anticipating the arrival of another cherished addition to their family; and

WHEREAS, throughout his outstanding career, Schaack Van Deusen has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his students to reach their fullest potential; he exemplifies the

unquestioned character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Schaack Van Deusen for his honorable and
astute service to the youth of this State and join with his family, friends, students, and fans in
celebrating his being selected by *Wrestling U.S.A. Magazine* as its 2001 National Assistant
Coach of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish him much continued success and
happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.